

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 8 as follows:

Figure 4 illustrates a connection circuit with element 410 (~~where is 410? See side of Figure 4~~), which includes the connection points for two channels, element 412 which includes the connection points for another two channels, and element 414 which includes connection points for four additional channels illustrating a total of eight channels. With the present invention, elements 410 and 412 could be left unconnected, being connected for a four-channel device. Element 410 could be unconnected, being connected for a six-channel device. Using element 414 as representative of all elements 410, 412 and 414, element 414 includes an outside row 420 and inside row 422 of connection points for the head. As illustrated in Figure 4, the connection points for the read signals are in the outside row 420 and the connection points for the write signals are on the inside row 422. The reverse could work equally well. One channel would use connection point 430, connection point 432, connection point 434 and connection 436 for signals HRX, HRY, HWX and signal HWY respectively. Element 402 collectively illustrates control signals that are used for the preamp chip. Additionally, element 404 and element 406 control voltages such as ground and system supply. Additionally lines 440-447 illustrate one specific signal routing possibility on the flexfor style 202 as illustrated in Figure 2. This signal routing is possible due to meeting spacing requirements. It should be understood that having outside row 420 and inside row 422 allows a connection for eight channels. However, if only four channels were required, then the connections for element 414 would be used, and the connections to elements 410 and 420 could be unused allowing flexibility and avoiding metal or layer changes.